

Indians Finish Tenth at Chartiers-Houston Invitational

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North Hills opened its 2009-10 schedule at the Chartiers-Houston Invitational Wrestling Tournament held December 11-12, 2009. The Indians' varsity squad finished in tenth place for the second consecutive season at the 21-team competition. North Hills recorded 80 team points. The host team won the tournament with 145 points.

Leading the way for the Indians was senior team captain Ben Amrhein with a third place finish at 160 pounds, arguably the toughest weight class of the competition. The loaded bracket included a state champion from Bluffton, South Carolina, Tyler Rosenlieb, who was unable to place among the top four finishers. Amrhein won four of his five bouts, including two by fall and one by major decision.

Ryan Gibson, a 140 pound senior, also had a strong tournament for North Hills with a fourth place finish in his bracket. Gibson was victorious in three of his five matches to earn his first career spot on the podium.

Finishing in the top six competitors in their bracket and racking up double-digit team points were seniors Ben Smith (4-2 with three falls at 189 pounds) and Cameron Weber (3-2 with three falls at 119 pounds).

Chipping in with team points were seniors T.J. McElwaine (2-2 with two falls at 215 pounds) and Mike Dietrich (1-2 at 285 pounds), junior Troy Zangaro (1-2 with a fall at 130 pounds), sophomore Joden Rocco (1-2 with a fall at 135 pounds, and freshmen Drew Walker (2-2 with a fall and a major decision at 103 pounds) and Tyler Walker (1-2 with an injury default victory at 112 pounds).

Also competing for the Indians were senior Corey Yost (152 pounds), junior Kraig Esswein (125 pounds), and sophomore Jake Campbell (145 pounds).

The Indians will next be in action this Wednesday evening, December 16th for their first dual meet action of the season, a 7:00pm match in the North Hills Senior High gym with fellow Section 3A opponent Avonworth.

North Hills results

103 – Drew Walker

1st rd - Lost to Nathan Reckner, South Side Beaver by major decision, 10-2

1st rd consi – Defeated Trey Phillips, Upper St. Clair by fall at 0:27

2nd rd consi – Defeated Evan Mengel, Freedom by major decision, 14-4

3rd rd consi – Lost to Austin Farmer, Bluffton by major decision, 9-0

112 – Tyler Walker

1st rd – Lost to Ryan Dodd, Chartiers-Houston by fall at 1:07

1st rd consi – Defeated Jesse Griffin, Chartiers Valley by injury default at 1:12

2nd rd consi – Lost to Brian Counihan, Upper St. Clair by decision, 8-5

119 – Cameron Weber

1st rd – Defeated Tyler Deil, Southmoreland by fall at 2:55

Quarterfinal – Lost to Jake Diana, Elizabeth Forward by decision, 11-9

2nd rd consi – Defeated Travis Grondo, Montour by fall at 1:15

3rd rd consi – Defeated Blake Balsama, Chartiers-Houston by fall at 1:15

Consi semi – Lost to Blake Palmides, Peters Township by decision, 4-2

125 – Kraig Esswein

1st rd – bye

Quarterfinal – Lost to Victor LiPari, Chartiers-Houston by decision, 8-6

2nd rd consi – Lost to Keith Cornman, Kittanning by decision, 9-4

130 – Troy Zangaro

1st rd – Lost to Avery Overly, Southmoreland by major decision, 17-7

1st rd consi – Defeated Alex Nine, Center by fall at 0:48

2nd rd consi – Lost to Braeden Shaak, Chartiers Valley by decision, 4-3

135 – Joden Rocco

1st rd – Defeated Joe Hilavach, Uniontown by fall at 0:33

Quarterfinal – Lost to Josh Etzel, Elizabeth Forward by fall at 1:18

2nd rd consi – Lost to Mike Kiliany, Center by major decision, 13-2

140 – Ryan Gibson

1st rd – Defeated Josh Wetmore, Bluffton by decision, 9-4

Quarterfinal – Defeated Jack Haney, Center by decision, 5-1

Semifinal – Lost to Chris Milligan, Albert Gallatin by major decision, 8-0

Consi semifinal – Defeated Josh Wetmore, Bluffton by decision, 4-3

Consi final – Lost to Erik Bolin, Beth-Center by decision, 5-3

145 – Jake Campbell

1st rd – Lost to Sean Woodrow, Peters Township by fall at 0:47

1st rd consi – Lost to Garrett Vulcano, Chartiers-Houston by fall at 1:46

152 – Corey Yost

Preliminary – Lost to C.J. Johnson, Bluffton by fall at 0:20

Preliminary consi – Lost to Anthony Janicki, Elizabeth Forward by fall at 2:13

160 – Ben Amrhein

1st rd – Defeated Dillion Trasport, Center by fall at 1:36

Quarterfinal – Defeated Dillon Stolitica, Southmoreland by fall at 2:40

Semifinal – Lost to Sam Guidi, Fort Cherry by decision, 4-1

Consi semifinal – Defeated Tony Lucciola, Chartiers-Houston by major decision, 10-2

Consi final – Defeated Dillon Stolitica, Southmoreland by decision, 3-2

171 – no entry

189 – Ben Smith

Preliminary – Defeated Zach Hostovitch, Charleroi by fall at 0:45

1st rd – Defeated Gregg Thomshoy, South Park by fall at 2:34

Quarterfinal – Lost to Steve Thornton, Elizabeth Forward by decision, 8-6

2nd rd consi – Defeated Andy Marsh, South Side Beaver by decision, 6-4

3rd rd consi – Defeated D.J. Scarton, Upper St. Clair by fall at 2:30

Consi semi – Lost to Scott Merkle, Freedom by decision, 4-3

215 – T.J. McElwaine

1st rd – Defeated Alex Shultz, Southmoreland by fall at 1:14

Quarterfinal – Lost to Ray Campbell, Charleroi by decision, 8-6

2nd rd consi – Defeated Daris Alum, Albert Gallatin by fall at 4:21

3rd rd consi – Lost to Nate Carl, Avella by fall at 0:21

285 – Mike Dietrich

1st rd – Lost to John Phillips, Albert Gallatin by decision, 10-4

1st rd consi – Defeated Randy Penn, Chartiers Valley by decision, 4-0

2nd rd consi – Lost to Corey Garry, Fort Cherry by decision, 3-2

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Final Results

1. 145 Chartiers-Houston
2. 142 Charleroi

3. 135 Albert Gallatin
4. 122 Peters Township
5. 120 Bluffton, SC
6. 111.5 Upper St. Clair
7. 102 Fort Cherry
8. 100.5 South Side Beaver
9. 96 Elizabeth Forward
10. 80 North Hills
11. 79.5 Jeannette
12. 77.5 Kittanning
13. 66 Beth Center
14. 56 Avella
15. 53 Southmoreland
16. 50 Chartiers Valley
17. 37 Center
18. 31.5 Montour
19. 30 Freedom
20. 11.5 Uniontown
21. 4 South Park

Finals

- 103:Nathan Reckner, South Side Beaver DEC Nate Robb, Kittanning 2-1
112:Aaron Toth, Charleroi MAJOR Brady Howell, Albert Gallatin 10-2
119:Makenzie McGuire, Upper St. Clair DEC Josh Kwasny, Charleroi 3-1
125:Victor LiPari, Chartiers-Houston DEC Mike McGuire, Upper St. Clair 6-4
130:Michael DePalma, Jeannette MAJOR Tanner Sutton, Chartiers-Houston 15-4
135:Josh Etzel, Elizabeth Forward DEC Josh Tropp, Upper St. Clair 7-5
140:Chris Milligan, Albert Gallatin DEC Colin Checkan, South Side Beaver 3-2
145:David Demor, South Side Beaver DEC Patrick Palmer, Albert Gallatin 6-4
152:Cody Wiercioch, Charleroi DEC Jacob Lowry, Albert Gallatin 6-1
160:Sam Guidi, Fort Cherry DEC Cameron Fine, Elizabeth Forward 2-0
171:Ty Wilps, Chartiers Valley DEC Tommy Thorpe, Charleroi 11-4
189:Gary Kiefer, Fort Cherry DEC Andrew Dean, Bluffton 3-0
215:Ray Campbell, Charleroi DEC Greg Kumer, Fort Cherry 3-2
285:Jeff Tarley, Beth Center FALL Nate Grandelis, Chartiers-Houston Fall OT

Consolation Finals

- 103:Zach Swarrow, Beth Center FALL Luke Etzel, Elizabeth Forward Fall 1:14
112:Ryan Dodd, Chartiers-Houston DEC Mike Buckiso, Peters Township 10-6
119:Luke Palamides, Peters Township DEC Jake Diana, Elizabeth Forward 4-3
125:Derrick Evanovich, Peters Township DEC Keith Cornman, Kittanning 6-4
130:Tyler Haines, Albert Gallatin DEC Austin Wilding, Upper St. Clair 3-2
135:Andrew Lis, Chartiers-Houston DEC Aaron Anthony, Kittanning 6-4
140:Erik Bolin, Beth Center DEC Ryan Gibson, North Hills 5-3
145:Garrett Vulcano, Chartiers-Houston MAJOR Matt George, Upper St. Clair 10-0
152:Jared Magon, Avella DEC Zan Kail, Peters Township 8-3
160:Ben Amrhein, North Hills DEC Dillon Stolitica, Southmoreland 3-2

171:Jordan Kitta, Southmoreland FALL Jeremy Anesetti, Chartiers-Houston Fall :23
189:Mark Seraly, Peters Township FALL Scott Merkle, Freedom Fall 3:29
215:Nate Carl, Avella FALL David Lopez, Bluffton Fall 1:27
285:Jake Linn, Charleroi DEFAULT Corey Garry, Fort Cherry Default